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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EAIR, MARR, US, UK, CG  
SUBJECT: FLIGHT CLEARANCES - ASCENSION ISLAND

REF: STATE 89098

1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS PARA (3) REFTEL,  
WE MADE APPROACH TO FCO TO REQUEST CONSIDERATION OF  
BLANKET CLEARANCES FOR ZAIRE RESUPPLY FLIGHTS.

2. LETTER FROM FCO DATED JUNE 13 PROVIDES FOLLOWING  
RESPONSE TO OUR APPROACH:

BEGIN QUOTE: WE CAN AGREE TO YOUR REQUEST FOR BLANKET  
CLEARANCE FOR USAF AIRCRAFT CARRYING NON-LETHAL MILITARY  
SUPPLIES TO ZAIRE TO STAGE AT ASCENSION ISLAND. WE

SHOULD, HOWEVER, APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD LET US AND  
ASCENSION HAVE AS MUCH NOTICE AS POSSIBLE OF SPECIFIC  
FLIGHTS. END QUOTE.

3. IN VIEW OF THE FACT FCO LETTER SPECIFICALLY MENTIONS  
"USAF AIRCRAFT," WHILE WE HAD REQUESTED BLANKET AUTHORITY  
FOR OPERATIONS BY "COMMERCIAL CHARTERS TO THE MILITARY  
AIRLIFT COMMAND (MAC)," WE CALLED THE DEFENCE DEPARTMENT  
AT FCO FOR A CLARIFICATION. IN RESPONSE, WE WERE TOLD TH  
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UK GOVERNMENT WANTS TO AGREE WITH OUR REQUEST AND THAT  
SPECIFICATION OF USAF AIRCRAFT WAS NOT MEANT TO RESTRICT  
CLEARANCE TO THAT CATEGORY OF FLIGHT ONLY. CHARTERS  
OPERATED FOR MAC WOULD HAVE THE SAME AUTHORITY.

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